



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3236, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

10/15/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation to increase funding in the amount of \$64,150 for the 12-month term ending September 30, 2021, with a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,696,589.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,909,345 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 19, 2019 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the interlocal agreement between the City, Travis County, and the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation for the operation and management of the Sobering Center, adding funding in an amount not to exceed \$721,836 for each twelve-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,504,139, on an 11-0 vote.

August 30, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) and Travis County for operation by the LGC of the Sobering Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,359 for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, with up to four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$1,123,359 per extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,616,795, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with the Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation (LGC) to increase funding in the amount of \$64,150 for the 12-month term ending September 30, 2021, with a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$8,696,589.

Amendment No. 3 amended the agreement to address adjusted operations to allow the use of the Sobering Center location to serve the community providing shelter services, quarantine services or other services as needed or requested in the community by providing beds and medical assistance during the disaster.

Amendment No. 2 amended the agreement to state that the City will pay the LGC \$1,123,359 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and \$1,845,195 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and the three additional 12-month extensions with an updated not to exceed amount of \$8,504,139.

Amendment No. 1 authorized the County to provide the LGC with a one-time, non-interest-bearing loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The County issued the loan to cover operating expenses for the Sobering Center during a delayed reimbursement of grant funding to the LGC. This was not City funding and is not included in the Agreement amount.

The current social services agreement with Austin-Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation was originally funded in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,359 for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2018, with up to four 12-month extension options not to exceed \$1,123,359 per extension option, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,616,795.

On September 22, 2016, Council approved Resolution No. 20160922-020, authorizing the creation of the Austin/Travis County Sobering Center Local Government Corporation; approving its Articles of Incorporation and bylaws; appointing the initial directors of its board; authorizing the filing of the Articles of Incorporation; and directing the City Manager and City staff to perform all such acts necessary or desirable in carrying out the terms and provisions of the resolution. On November 2, 2016, the Texas Secretary of State filed the certificate of formation and issued the certificate of filing evidencing the existence of the newly created, non-profit LGC.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment